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For : A COMMUNICATION CONTROL APPARATUS AND A  
COMMUNICATION CONTROL METHOD

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on November 20, 2001, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Notice of Reasons for Rejection that was mailed on December 24, 2003, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-236917, together with English language translation of the same, in which the following documents were cited:

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H11-8617, together with an English language abstract of the same.

2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-137657, together with an English language abstract of the same, and family member U.S. Patent No. 6,900,903 issued to IIDA. on May 1, 2005.
3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H11-39328, together with an English language abstract of the same.
4. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-99462, together with an English language abstract of the same.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner are set forth in the Notice of Reasons for Rejection.


Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto and listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. Copies of the Notice of Reasons for Rejection and its English language translation are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Since an Office Action on the merits has been issued in the present application, but prosecution has not been closed, the requisite fee necessary to ensure consideration of the above-noted documents, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) and §1.17(p) is attached hereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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